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COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2020 BUDGET WITH PRIORITY INVESTMENTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOMELESSNESS

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

“The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget invests in pressing needs and long-standing community projects and builds a foundation for an equitable, sustainable future,” said Councilmember Ward. “Throughout this process I’ve advocated for priorities that will support all neighborhoods and raise the level of service for all San Diegans.”

“I’m encouraged to see so many of the initial budget proposals from this Council reflected in this budget, particularly including the addition of a Childcare Coordinator position, additional Code Compliance Officers to protect the public from a variety of health and safety violations, Homeless Service Coordinators to guide unsheltered San Diegans into permanent housing, a dedicated Park Ranger for our downtown parks, a city arborist, and additional Get-It-Done staff support.

“I’m pleased to be able to utilize one-time funding for three neighborhood parks including updates for Trolley Barn Park, the Ocean Beach Library, citywide mobility monitoring, as well as more than \$9 million in improvements for Balboa Park roofs, restroom improvements, and other park infrastructure needs.

“I want to thank Mayor Faulconer, my colleagues on the City Council, and all San Diegans for their part in producing a budget that reflects our values and commitment to safe, accessible neighborhoods, equitable access to resources, and reliable city services.”

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Councilmember Chris Ward represents San Diego's Third Council District including communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.

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